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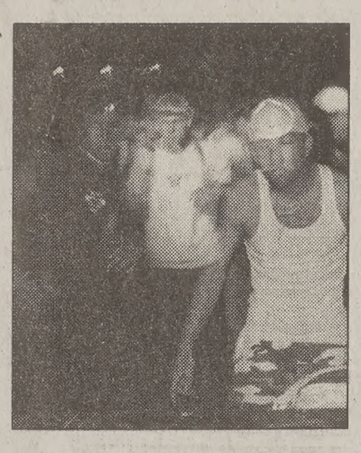

Rave Danger

Risks associated with raves have some students turning to alternative forms of techno entertainment.

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Napster gets booted off campus

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Napster creator Shawn Fanning speaks at the Senate Judiciary Hearing at BYU during Winter Semester 2000. BYU has decided to temporarily cut off on-campus access to Napster.

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BYU decided Wednesday to temporarily shut down on-campus access to Napster due to an overload of the university's technical resources.

Carri Jenkins, assistant to the President over University Communications, said the decision to end access to Napster from the university's network is strictly a resource decision.

Eric Denna, vice president of Information Technology, said earlier discussion about the legal issues of Napster will continue.

"The dialogue continues, we are just taking emergency measures," he said.

Denna said he is meeting with the Student Advisory Council to discuss the actions that are currently being taken due to university resources, and will continue discussion about previous Napster issues with the students.

BYU's technology resources will now become a part of the legal discussion of Napster and its usage at BYU, Denna said.

"We want to be up front with the students about this situation," he said.

When students download Napster it connects them to other users. This allows Napster visitors to share MP3s. Therefore, anyone who uses the site gives access to download MP3s from their computer, consuming a lot of the university's resources, Denna said.

Kelly McDonald, assistant vice president of Information Technology, said 46 percent of the university's bandwidth is being consumed by Napster, which is causing the resource overload.

"Resources are stretched to capacity," Mc Donald said.

Last semester, the use of Napster was not too much for the university's computer system to handle, but an increase in the use of the online service has clogged up the system, he said.

To solve the problem, the office of information technology decided to block on-campus access to Napster until a better way to manage the resource consumption is found, Mc Donald said.

McDonald said he does not know how long access to Napster will be unavailable.

And the resource overload is not unique to BYU, he said. Many universities are struggling with the same situation.

Denna said the entire university network is affected, including online student registration and general Internet use, which are both slowed because of so much Napster use.

Denna described the problem in terms of a simple pipe system.

"Imagine our network as a pipe which is getting full, and we don't want to break it," he said. The only way to solve the problem is to cut off the access to Napster until another solution is found.

Missionaries not counted in census

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Just when everyone thought the word "recount" was dying down, it might be getting its second wind.

The Utah Attorney General's Office filed a complaint against the U.S. Census Bureau in federal court on Wednesday for not including Utah missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the overseas population count for the state.

By not adding some 14,000 missionaries for the LDS Church to Utah's population, the state lost a fourth seat in the U.S. House of Representatives to North Carolina by 856 people, said Ryan Mecham, chief of staff for the attorney general. Utah was ahead of North Carolina until the overseas population was added in.

But North Carolina was boosted to its 13th congressional seat with 18,360 residents living overseas compared to Utah with 3,545 overseas residents.

"The basic issue at hand is one of fairness and why we are counting military and civil personnel that are temporarily overseas and not missionaries. These are individuals that are Utah residents, taxpayers and will be returning to the state," he said.

The basis of the complaint is that Utah was denied due protection of law, said Attorney General Mark Shurtleff. This is the first time Utah has challenged the Census Bureau about excluding LDS missionaries serving in foreign countries because it did not harm the state in the past.

"We believe this fundamentally denied the right of Utah's equal representation in Congress. The Constitution says equal number of representatives for equal number of people in the country – that is the goal of the U.S. House of Representatives, and Utah may now go underrepresented for the next 10 years," he said.

North Carolina, however, is not going to risk losing a congress-

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• **Who:** Thomas Rex Lee, BYU law professor and primary counsel for Utah in their suit against the U.S. Census Bureau

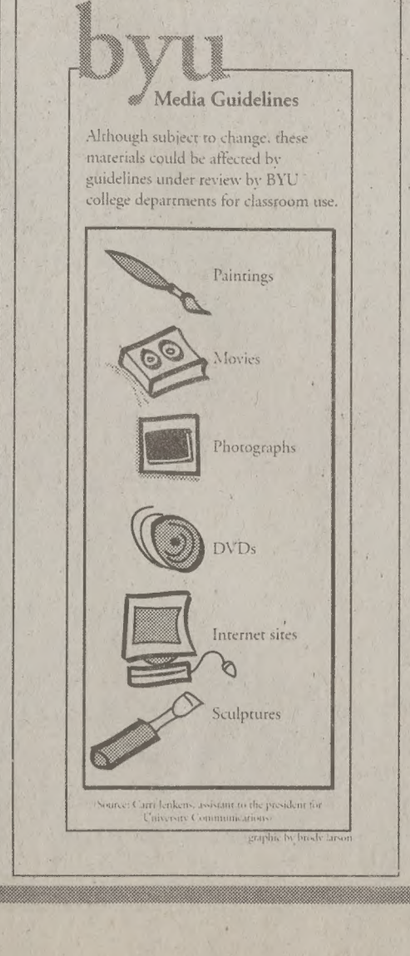
• **Experience:** Worked as law clerk for Chief Justice Clarence Thomas. Expertise in constitutional law and civil procedure.

• **Quote:** "We are dealing with cutting-edge constitutional issues and the implications of the case are important for Utah residents and how they are represented in the House. My role is to make the best argument I can."

Photo Illustration by Travis Lovell/Daily Universe

North Carolina gained a seat in the House of Representatives, while Utah missed the opportunity because missionaries weren't counted. Gov. Mike Leavitt will be a plaintiff in a lawsuit against the Census Bureau, requesting that overseas LDS missionaries be counted in Utah's population.

Media guidelines for classroom reviewed



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College departments at BYU are reviewing a draft of guidelines issued by the university concerning the types of visual materials that can be used in the classroom.

Guidelines could affect clips edited from movies, photographs, sculptures, paintings, graphics, DVDs and Internet sites, said Carri Jenkins, assistant to the president for University Communications. After President Merrill J. Bateman and his council approves it, the university hopes to publicly release the document by the end of Winter Semester.

The process started five years ago when some faculty members began requesting that the university put together guidelines that would help them determine what visual materials are appropriate for classroom use, Jenkins said.

The debate over the legal and moral issues involved in using edited films was also heightened after the Varsity Theatre stopped showing edited R-rated movies.

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> — Van Gessel
> Dean of the College of Humanities

The university administration organized a five-member committee of faculty members from disciplines that deal with sensitive visual material, said Sally Taylor, an English professor and the committee chair. She did not comment on the exact departments represented on the committee.

Its responsibility is to research and draft a set of guidelines that would be applicable to all departments. After it receives feedback from the colleges, the committee will submit a final draft to the administration.

However, decisions on how it will be implemented and whether it will become policy are still premature because the document may go through several changes before its final release, Taylor said.

Although the process may be long, the results will be beneficial, said Van Gessel, dean of the College of Humanities.

"Every faculty member that I know in our college has a clear conviction of right and wrong, but not everybody has the same kinds of standards," said Gessell, also a Japanese literature professor. "This will probably make us more aware of the need to be very careful of what we choose to use, while still trying to provide a first-rate education."

Before using any visual material that could be deemed offensive, teachers might have the responsibility to explain why they are presenting it and to give students the opportunity to talk about it.

K. Newell Daley, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, said several faculty members face these challenges in the classroom and a set of guidelines might help them be resolved easier.

"It's the same problem as when you go to the grocery store and you take a little kid. Objectionable images might be all over the magazine rack, and sometimes it can be hard for them to take," he said. "The same goes for classes and students."

But some students might disagree with this analogy and the guidelines that will be issued in the upcoming months.

"I think this guideline is unnecessary because we are big kids now, we are adults and we can handle it," said Krista Simons, 21, a junior from Fort Collins, Colo., majoring in photography.

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RUSALEM — Yasser Arafat Israeli Cabinet minister Wednesday to try to eli-Palestinian tensions, ned mediation effort by Clinton's Mideast envoy hold.
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News Briefs

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Drivers' ethnicities tracked in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — In a policy reversal, the Los Angeles County sheriff's office has begun tracking the ethnicities of drivers and pedestrians stopped by deputies in an effort to determine if the officers are using racial profiling.

Sheriff Lee Baca and Police Chief Bernard C. Parks had both opposed reporting the demographics of people detained by officers.

Baca said Tuesday he changed his mind after he was approached by "very important leaders in our community." The sheriff's office started tracking ethnicities of people stopped by deputies last week.

Parks will soon be required to keep similar records in the city police force under a settlement negotiated with the U.S. Department of Justice in the corruption scandal in the Police Department's Rampart division.

Baca and Parks have argued that such data could be misconstrued. Parks has said officers patrolling in East Los Angeles would predominantly stop Hispanics because of the demographics of the area, not because individual officers are targeting that group.

Man charged with assault in wife's death

WAKEFIELD, Mass. — An 81-year-old man stabbed his wife with a kitchen knife Wednesday then called police and waited in his blood-soaked pajamas for them to arrive, prosecutors said.

Frances Dalesandro, 87, was listed in fair condition.

Her husband, Anthony Dalesandro, was charged with armed assault with intent to murder and was ordered held on $10,000 bail.

Mrs. Dalesandro had gone to sleep after an argument with her husband but awoke about 1 a.m. to find him standing over her with a knife, prosecutors said. He allegedly stabbed her several times in the neck and face.

Prosecutors said he had been taking medication, including Prozac.

Suspects forced to rinse faces in toilet

RALEIGH, N.C. — A police captain accused of forcing two teen-age suspects to rinse their faces in a toilet after they were pepper-sprayed has been demoted to corporal.

Police said Tuesday that they had apologized to the teens' mothers. One of the women said she was considering legal action.

Officer Al White was working at an off-duty security job at a high school basketball game when he went into the bleachers to break up a fight, according to police reports. He was attacked and thrown from the stands.

Another officer used pepper spray on the teens.

After William Blue, 17, and Rogia James Lassiter, 18, were arrested, White led them to a restroom to wash off the pepper spray, according to a police statement.

"Because he could not get cold water to come from the sink's faucet, he determined that it would be acceptable to use commode water to remove the pepper spray," the statement said.

Officers are trained to take pepper-sprayed suspects to a fire station for decontamination, the statement said.

Jewish leaders: Pull boys from Scouting

NEW YORK — Reform Jewish leaders have recommended that parents withdraw their children from Boy Scout chapters and that synagogues end their sponsorship of Scout troops because of the group's exclusion of gays.

The Boy Scouts of America's stance on gays is "incompatible with our consistent belief that every individual — regardless of his or her sexual orientation — is created in the image of God and is deserving of equal treatment," the Joint Commission on Social Action said in a Jan. 5 letter to Reform movement congregations.

Congregations also should publicize their reason for cutting ties with the Boy Scouts to help educate the public, the commission said.

The advisory was prompted by a Supreme Court ruling in June that upheld the group's exclusion of gay leaders and members. The Boy Scouts had argued that homosexuality contradicts the group's core values.

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sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God."

— Deuteronomy 18:13

Julie Lund, 18, an English and philosophy major from San Diego, Calif., likes this scripture because it taught her "that (being a perfectionist) is secondary to being a perfect child of God."

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Astronomers question life on new planets

Associated Press

> "Trying to find an Earth around a star is like trying to see a firefly around a searchlight when you are looking from Moscow toward Washington."
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> — Ed Weiler, NASA scientist

SAN DIEGO — Are there lively, Earth-like planets out there somewhere?

That question, once only a subject for dreamers and science fiction writers, has become a major theme for serious astronomers who believe the answer may be only a few years beyond their grasp.

For decades, the search for planets orbiting distant stars was considered a nutty backwater of astronomy. With false reports and embarrassments, most astronomers avoided the subject.

All of that has changed in the last five years. Astronomers have now found more than 50 planets, all Jupiter-sized or larger, and engineers and scientists are designing instruments and missions that will not only search for Earth-sized objects, but even analyze them for the chemistry of life.

More than 400 astronomers are attending the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society to hear researchers discuss the techniques for searching the universe for other Earths and for life.

"Planet finding has become an acceptable science," said NASA's top scientist, Ed Weiler, who called the conference "a real watershed."

Astronomers now call it the "terrestrial planet finder" project and talk openly and often about the possibilities that somewhere, among the billions of stars within the hundreds of billions of galaxies, there is another Earth teeming with life.

"You can imagine life existing only on Earth, or in only a few places, or you can imagine that its exists in every cranny of the universe," said Anne Kinney, a NASA scientist. "We may be the generation that finds out."

Finding Jupiter-sized planets, although difficult, is child's play compared with directly detecting a planet the size of Earth orbiting a star 10 to 50 light years away. An Earth-sized planet is simply too small and its host sun too bright. Detecting such a planet indirectly, by measuring the wobble of the star, is impossible with current instruments.

"Trying to find an Earth around a star is like trying to see a firefly around a searchlight when you are looking from Moscow toward Washington," said Weiler.

But experts believe it can be done with instruments and techniques now being developed.

At least four teams, working under a NASA contract, have come up with plans for spacecraft and instruments that could detect planets out to 50 light years and then analyze the light reflected from those planets to search for life.

Utah jobs grow despite construction slowdown

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's construction boom, which has fueled the state's recent economic growth, is slowing for the first time in more than a decade, a group of leading economists reported Wednesday.

"We have a consensus among our group that the construction contraction has begun," said Natalie Gochnour, deputy director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. "It was inevitable."

Construction values declined last year for the first time since 1988, and, for the second straight year, there were fewer applications for residential construction permits, according to the Council for Economic Advisors' annual Economic Report to the Governor.

The council consists of economists from state government, universities and banks.

The report forecasts that the state could lose as many as 15,000 construction jobs over the next few years, Gochnour said.

The decline comes as Olympic preparations and Interstate 15 reconstruction wrap up and the national economy slows.

Those factors, plus a projected explosion in the number of Utah schoolchildren, mean considerable challenges for Utah's economy, the council said.

Despite the stagnant construction market, job growth rose in 2000 compared to 1999. The council forecast slightly higher job growth in the coming year, although Gochnour said the job market will level off in 2001.

Utah had the 12th-highest rate of job growth in the nation last year, but had the slowest growth among its booming neighbors, except New Mexico.

"This is a great time, a prosperous time in our state," said Gov. Mike Leavitt.

Construction drop-offs were offset in 2000 by new jobs in defense, service positions and Olympic-related fields.

Hill Air Force Base, the state's second-largest employer, added 2,000 jobs in the last two years and the state saw a 12 percent increase in defense spending.

"This is the first significant increase in a decade and the timing of it has been marvelous," said Gochnour.

Service jobs grew by 5.7 percent, fueled in large part by high tech positions such as computer and data processing jobs. In 2000, those jobs increased by 7,173, or 31 percent.

And the state is beginning to see some benefits from the 2002 Winter Olympics, which are expected to generate $4.5 billion for the state between 1996-2003.

The council cited several important building projects on the horizon that could bolster Utah's construction sector, including the $37 million Gateway shopping center, the $100 million Huntsman Cancer Institute, a $1.2 billion Intermountain Health Care construction program and the $40 million Legacy Highway.

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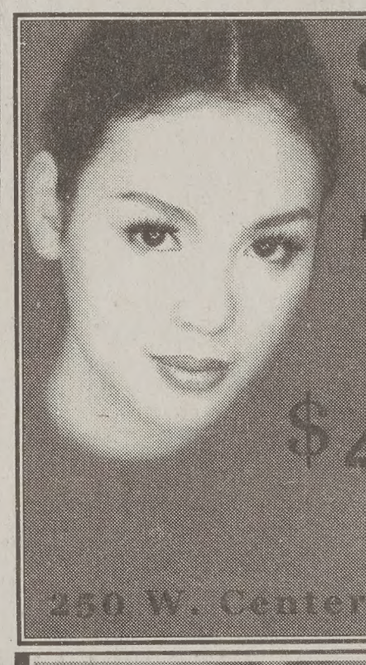
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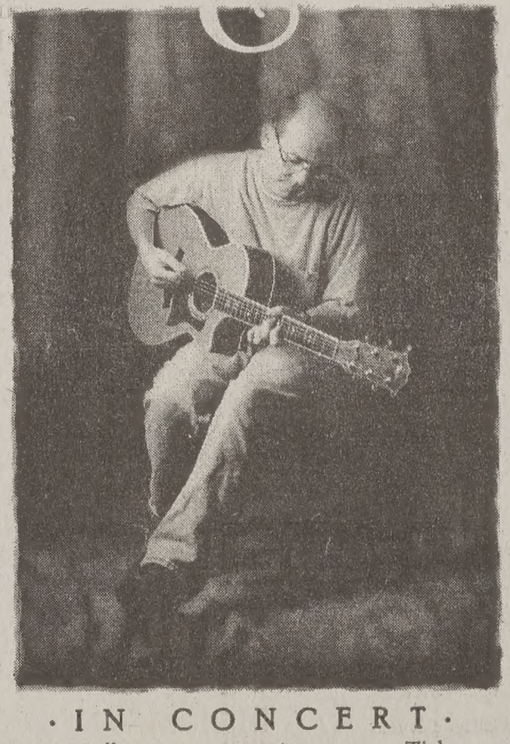
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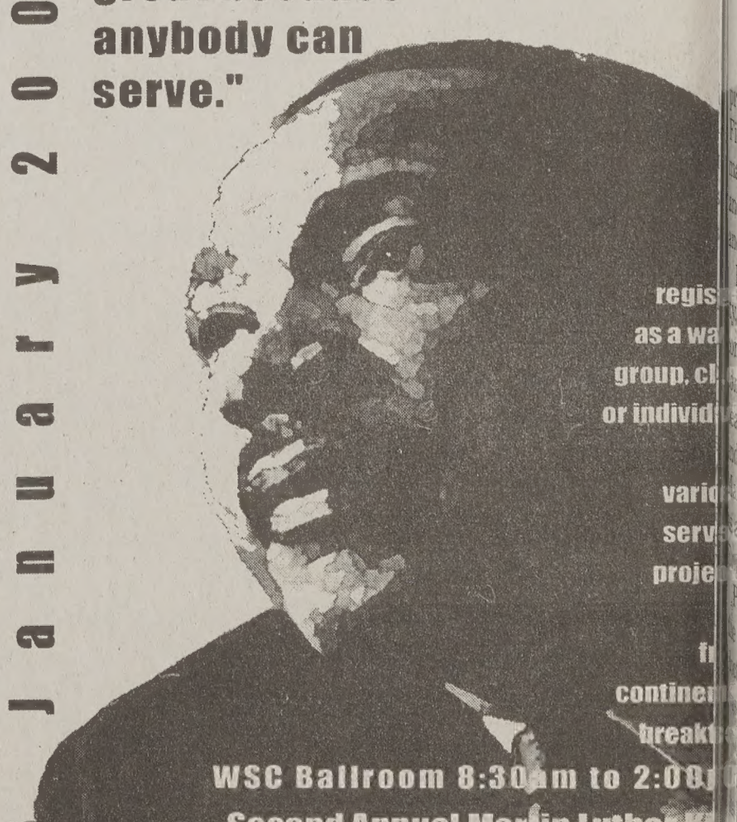
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P ZEIST, Netherlands — months of testimony and ds of witnesses, a prosecu- dnesday called on Scottish to pronounce two Libyans of the murders of 270 peo- the bombing of Pan Am 103.

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bbell summed up the pros- case in 1 1/2 days, alleg- t the defendants hid the n an unaccompanied suit- ecked in with stolen tags at rport on the Mediterranean island of Malta. The two allegedly worked in the office of the Libyan national airline.

While conceding that no eye-witnesses saw the Libyans plant the bomb, the prosecutor said there was a surfeit of forensic and circumstantial evidence which made their guilt irrefutable.

He said a circuit board fragment found in the aircraft wreckage had been traced to deliveries of Swiss-made bomb detonators arranged by Al-Megrahi for Libyan intelligence.

Al-Megrahi, a senior figure in the intelligence hierarchy, was also identified as the man who purchased the clothing wrapped around the bomb, the prosecutor said.

Fhimah, using his Luqa airport security pass, helped Al-Megrahi smuggle explosives and obtain the baggage tags that routed the suitcase through Frankfurt, Germany, to Flight 103 in London, Campbell said.

According to the prosecutor, an entry in Fhimah's diary several days before the bombing said: "Take tags from Air Malta." Beside it was the annotation: "OK."

The defendants' lawyers claim to have indications the bombing was carried out by Palestinian terrorists believed responsible for a series of attacks across Northern Europe in the late 1980s.

Members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command were among the first suspects in the bombing after German police raided a hide-out several months before the bombing.

The raid turned up several bombs that at first seemed to match description of the Pan Am explosive. But Campbell said the triggering mechanism was different and not as sophisticated.

"The components available to the PFLP-GC were of a quite different variety," the prosecutor said. "There's no evidence that would raise a reasonable doubt" about the Libyans' guilt.

Testimony wrapped up earlier than expected this week when Al-Megrahi scrapped plans to testify in his own defense at the specially-built courthouse at Camp Zeist, a former U.S. air base.

Since the trial began on May 3, prosecutors have called 232 witnesses, including investigators who presented evidence from a massive trans-Atlantic murder probe which was aided by the opening of former Eastern Euof these two accused men is a very significant milestone," he said. "We shall reach that milestone sooner than we thought."

"Beautiful Fragrance" and "More and More" arrive in Washington D.C. on peace mission

Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Talk about your tough houses: Even before the show started, the suits assembled, demanded world peace and insisted on saving the planet.

No worries. The speeches over, Tian Tian and Mei Xiang got right down to their globe-defending duties on Wednesday, elegantly executing a rollover or two and wiggling their ears to a chorus of appreciative "Ahhhhhhs."

"They are two VIPs - Very Important Pandas - who have brought our great nations closer," said Liu Xiaoming, the deputy chief of mission at the Chinese embassy. "Join them in making our world a better place and a more pleasant home for all."

Wednesday was coming-out day for the two pandas, ending a month's quarantine after their arrival from China.

Some visitors had waited up to four hours to see the pair - 6-year-old Sara Blackenstoe, outfitted in a panda suit was first in - but they had to wait another 30 minutes to get the speeches out of the way.

Panda priority number one, each speaker suggested, was warming ties between two of the world's largest countries.

"On our way here, we read in the newspaper that President Clinton paid a very special visit to the exhibit," said Chen Jianwei, a senior Chinese forestry official. "I believe President-elect Bush will also love these two giant pandas."

> "They have those round faces, those black and white faces. They wiggle their ears when they eat."
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> —Lucy Spelman
> Zoo Director

Zoo director Lucy Spelman emphasized their ecological mission, saying the zoo hoped the two would bolster support for preserving other endangered species.

Much of the million dollar-a-year fee the zoo was paying China would be spent on U.S.-supervised preservation training for Chinese wildlife officials, Spelman said, and would be more than compensated in more donations through higher zoo attendance.

And then, on cue, the pandas emerged to save the world.

Mei Xiang (pronounced may-SHONG and meaning "beautiful fragrance"), was first out, eyeing the crowd for a few seconds - and then scurrying back into her enclosure.

An anxious minute or so later, Tian Tian ("more and more" - a reference, perhaps, to his hefty 210 pounds), gallantly took the lead, strolling purposefully to a rock outcrop directly facing the crowd.

He rolled over a few times, and then sat up, splaying his legs like any other working stiff about to take a lunch break. He reached out and stuffed a few bamboo branches into his mouth.

The crowd was stunned into incoherent coos.

Spelman's attempt to explain their appeal stumbled into less than scientific territory.

"They have those round faces," shesaid, scrunching up her own. "Those black and white faces. They wiggle their ears when they eat."

Eventually, Mei Xiang, a more diminutive 141 pounds, understood that performing equaled chow, and made her way forward for her own bamboo break.

That was what especially impressed Darius Ricks, an 8-year-old Washingtonian who took a morning off school to see the pandas.

"She was small, but she could pull a tree down too," he said.

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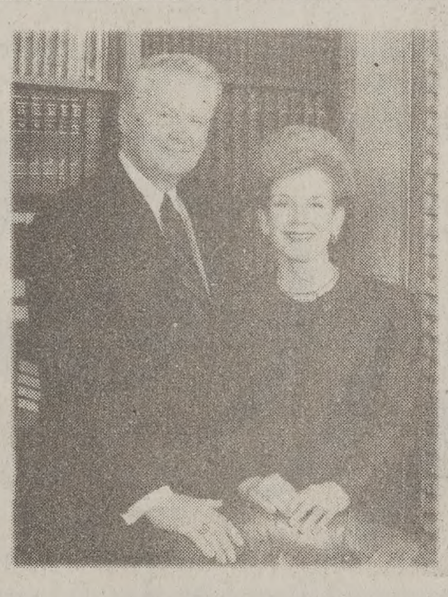

President Merrill J. Bateman
Sister Marilyn S. Bateman

Elder Merrill J. Bateman, BYU's 11th president, is a member of the Church's First Quorum of the Seventy. He is married to Marilyn Scholes Bateman, and they are parents of seven children and grandparents of 25.

Prior to his call as a General Authority, President Bateman headed his own consulting and capital management companies. He had earlier served as dean of the BYU College of Business and School of Management (now the Marriott School of Management) and was an executive with Mars, Inc., in England and the United States.

President Bateman graduated from the University of Utah and earned a doctorate in economics from MIT. He was an Air Force Academy instructor early in his academic career.

President Bateman's administration has been directed toward continuing the emphasis on enhancing the quality of BYU's education while seeking ways to serve more students. In these endeavors he has led a continuing effort to strengthen the religious foundations of the university.

Elder Bateman has served the Church as a missionary, ward bishop, stake high councilor, stake president, and regional representative. He was the Church's Presiding Bishop before his calling to the First Quorum of the Seventy.

Sister Bateman attended BYU, the University of Utah, and LDS Business College. She has served the community as PTA president, as a curriculum committee member of the Provo School District, and as a board member of the Utah County Symphony Guild. She has served the Church as a district missionary, stake Young Women president, and counselor in Young Women and Relief Society stake presidencies, as well as in leadership and teaching positions in ward women's auxiliaries.

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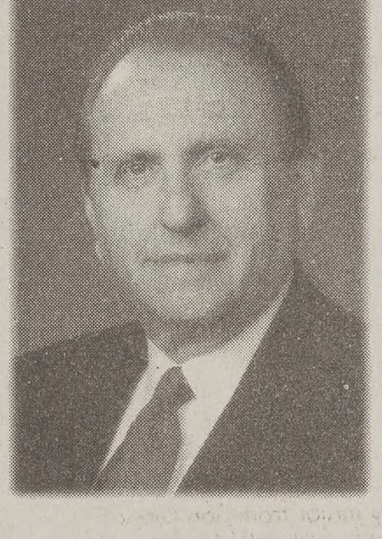


President Thomas S. Monson
First Counselor in the First Presidency

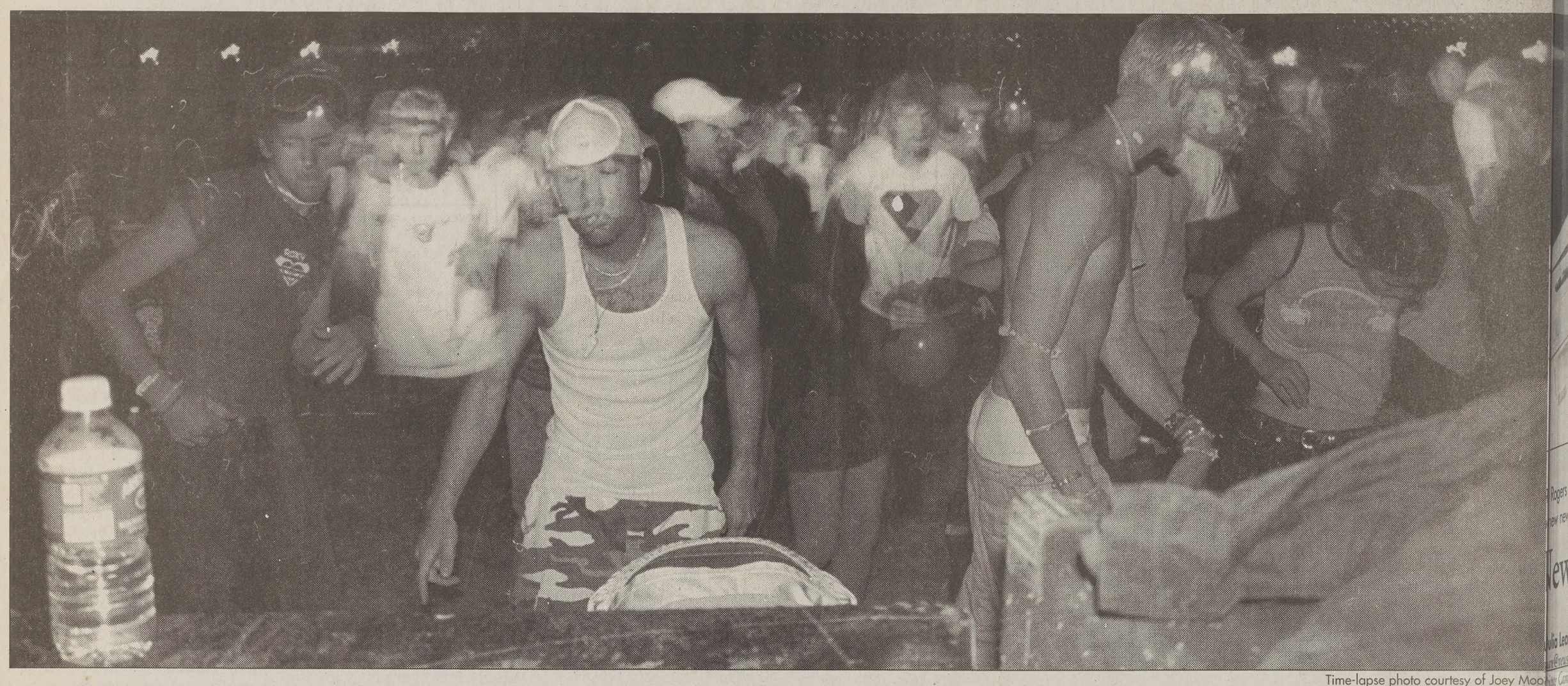
President Thomas S. Monson was set apart as First Counselor to President Gordon B. Hinckley in November 1985. He became an Apostle in 1963 and has served as counselor to three Church presidents. He has served as president of the Canadian Mission and has been a bishop and member of a stake presidency.

President Monson graduated cum laude in business management from the University of Utah. He pursued graduate work there and also served on the College of Business faculty. He later earned his MBA from Brigham Young University. He has received honorary doctorates from BYU and Salt Lake Community College and is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi honorary business fraternity.

Professionally, President Monson has had a distinguished career in publishing and printing. He has been an advertising executive for the Deseret News, general manager of Deseret News Press, president of the Printing Industry of Utah, and a former board member of the Printing Industry of America. He served for many years as board chairman of Deseret News Publishing Company. He currently serves as a trustee of BYU and of the LDS Church Board of Education. He served for many years on the Utah State Board of Regents and in 1981 was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to serve on the President's Task Force for Private Sector Initiatives.

President Monson was honored with the University of Utah Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1966. He is also a recipient of the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award, its prestigious Silver Buffalo Award, and international Scouting's highest award, the Bronze Wolf. In 1997 he received the Minuteman Award from the Utah National Guard, as well as BYU's Exemplary Manhood Award. In 1998 he and his wife, the former Frances Beverly Johnson, were each given the Continuum of Caring Humanitarian Award by the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph Villa. The Monsons are parents of three children. They have eight grandchildren.

Bad Rave Review



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Church condemns rave's drugs, immorality

By Ali Anderson
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Web Editor

The daily challenge of living morally in an increasingly immoral world is one that continues to nag Latter-day Saints.

And according to LDS Church leaders, that challenge is becoming especially tough for teens of the church worldwide.

"Sad to say, I am confident there are some young men and women who were baptized as members of this church, who have been faithful and active in their younger years, but who have slipped and are slipping into the foggy swamp of immorality, drugs, pornography and failure. I hope they are a minority among their peers, but even the loss of one is too many," said President Gordon B. Hinckley in the Priesthood Session of October 2000 General Conference.

President Hinckley addressed specific concerns he has about teen involvement in underground dance parties known as raves.

He spoke against these secret parties where drugs are available and immorality abounds.

"Here, with flashing lights and noisy music, if it can be called that, young men and women dance and sway. They sell and buy drugs. The drugs are called Ecstasy. They are a derivative of methamphetamine," he said.

Ecstasy is an illegal drug; a conviction for possession of it can carry long prison sentences.

Police say that use of the substance has risen dramatically in recent years – most likely because of raves.

According to *Ecstasy.org*, the substance attracts users because of its ability to create a "rush" throughout the body. It can also produce a sense of empathy in users.

But Ecstasy is not the only drug associated with the rave scene. Other drugs, including LSD, cocaine and tobacco, are also bought and sold at the parties.

Raves are generally all-night affairs involving music from several DJs and intense dancing.

There is a sense of secrecy and excitement to raves because their location is announced only hours before they begin.

As a result, the entertainment often starts late and runs into the early morning hours.

Aware of this behavior, President Hinckley warned of the damage it can do to participants.

"What does it all lead to?" he asked. "Nowhere. It is a dead end."

President Hinckley, when addressing the topic of raves in similar detail with the women of the church at the Relief Society General meeting in September, offered a solution to the raving problem.

He implored church members to be more aware of the entertainment practices of their children and, specifically, keep them away from the rave scene.

"I know of no better answer to these foul practices that confront our young people than the teachings of a mother, given in love with unmistakable warning," he said.

President Hinckley urged parents to help their children build healthy friendships to help keep them from falling into these immoral trends.

"Open your homes to the friends of your children," he said. "Make your children's friends your friends."

Some Comments Given by Ecstasy Users About the Drug

"My concentration is poor and I get confused."
"I feel more open towards other people."
"I feel persecuted/paranoid/anxious."
"I have trouble sleeping."
"My work/study has suffered."
"I get constipated"
"I get depressed."
"I feel worn out."
"I have headaches."
"I have less appetite"
"I have greater self awareness."
"I feel very good about myself and am confident."
"My relationships with friends and family have suffered."
"I need to take more E's (Ecstasy Pills) to get the same outcomes."

Source: http://ecstacy.org graphic by brody

Club offers rave alternative

By Rodney Zwahlen
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Techno music is enticing, drawing in listeners with a seductive beat that is often buttressed by dancing and drugs at underground parties called raves.

But when the drugs become more important than the dancing and the music, many BYU students draw the line.

That is why two students from Palmer, Ala.— Erik Evans and Chris West — founded the TechnoHeadz club in September 1999 to, as Evans said, "get a forum for people who like electronic music, so they can meet each other and have activities, mostly dance parties."

Since its inception, TechnoHeadz, which has 500-600 members, has grown to become one of the two or three largest clubs on campus. Most of the growth has come through word of mouth and the relaxed atmosphere that the club offers, Evans said.

"I knew there were some people out there who liked it, but it was hard to find them," he said.

To find members, the club holds dances every couple of weeks and asks visitors to sign up on a list. West said it is logical that so many students are interested in participating.

"Out of 30,000 kids there are a lot who like techno," West said. "It's a way to congregate them."

Evans, 24, a senior majoring in marketing communications, serves as president of the TechnoHeadz while West, 24, a senior majoring in civil engineering, is the treasurer.

West, who still occasionally works as a DJ at raves, said the club offers a healthy alternative to the rave scene.

"It could be a substitute for a rave, but we don't go all night," he said. "The main thing is that there's no other way to listen to techno and dance and be with friends at the same time."

Utah Valley State College also has its own TechnoHeadz club now, and its popularity is expanding.

"We get kids from all over the state that come to our parties," West said. "We welcome everyone, of course — and we never charge anything."

The founders agreed that some of the success of the club has come because electronic music has a way of ingraining itself into the minds of listeners.

"I think people are sick of hearing the same garbage over and over on the radio," Evans said. "A lot of people don't know what techno is and it gets a bad rap because of raves, but people would be surprised how much techno is on the radio and commercials."

Many stories in the local and national media have highlighted the dangers that accompany the rave scene.

Michael Forest Meservy, 18, a freshman from Reno, Nev., majoring in philosophy, is a TechnoHeadz member.

He said he appreciates the clean atmosphere espoused by the TechnoHeadz.

"With the TechnoHeadz you never get exposed to any of the stuff you do at raves," he said. "You would never know it was put on by the TechnoHeadz because it looks like any other dance."

Meservy said TechnoHeadz dances are usually cleaner than BYUSA-sponsored dances.

"Most of their songs are cleaner than the songs at other BYU dances," he said. "There's nothing like Sisqo's 'Thong Song' or a lot of other pop songs at BYU's dances."

Meservy said he began to follow the techno scene about one year ago but has been impressed with the parties that the TechnoHeadz throw. He said he has attended four or five of the parties this year.

"Three-quarters of the people, or more, are all there dancing — not just standing by the side," he said. "Nobody cares how you dance."

West and Evans are still quick to defend the rave scene, however.

"You get the same drugs at clubs as you do at raves," West said. "It's getting a lot of out-of-hand media hype. It's more underground than local house parties, but on the other hand I have neighbors who do more drugs on one night than I have ever seen in a rave."

However, West admits that raves usually do not offer the best environment for clean entertainment.

"If you are there and everyone is doing drugs around you, it's a bad environment," he said. "But when I go, I just stand by the DJ and listen to the music.

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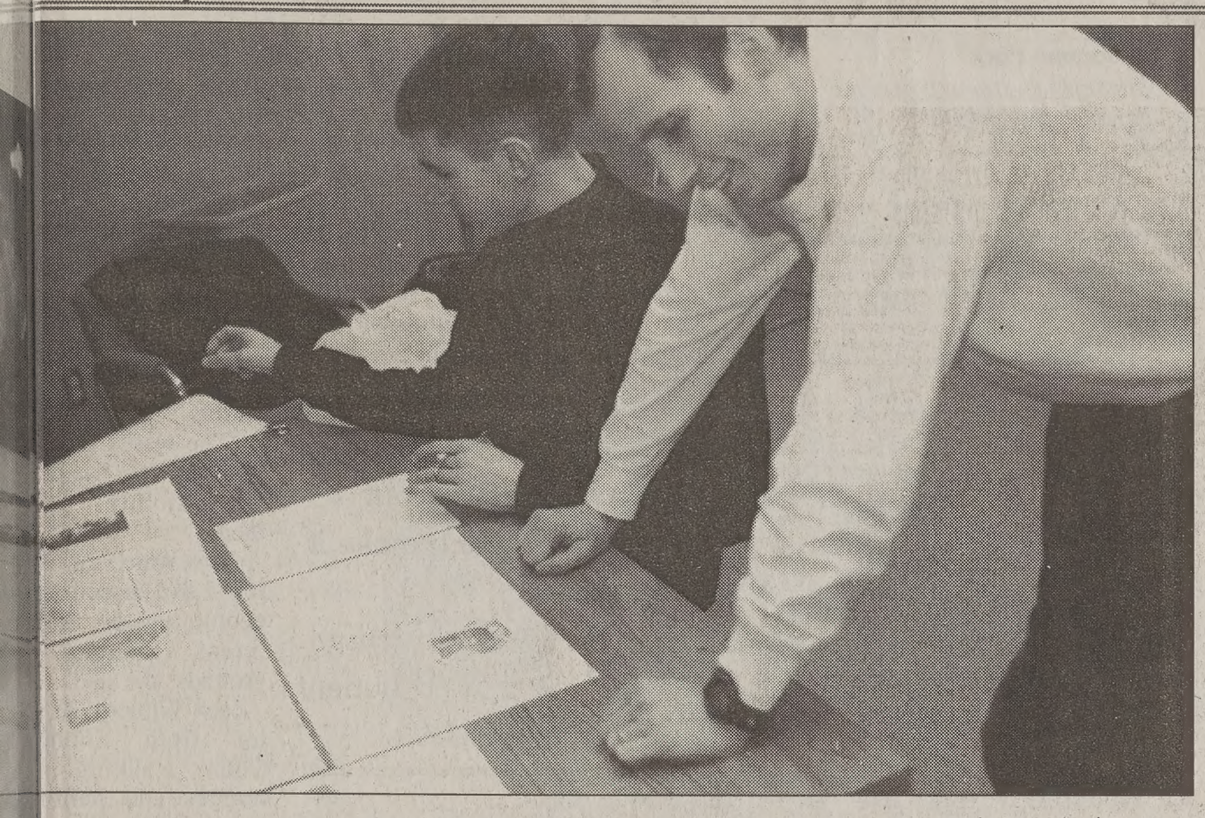

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...dgers and Rob Schwartz look over a copy of the Collegiate Post. The two founded and edit ...ew newspaper.

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... hope to raise the level of thinking and writing as well as faith and testimony," Rogers said.

Rogers first recruited Peter Jasinski, 23, a senior from Puyallop, Wash. and Rob Schwartz, 23, a junior from Harrisburg, Penn. They work as editors at the Religious Studies Center for Publication.

The paper consists of four sections: art, science, religion and opinion. The eight-page, tabloid newsprint publication is produced by about 25 volunteers who make up the Collegiate Post staff and includes submitted essays from students and faculty.

"Professors especially are extremely excited about writing alongside students," Rogers said.

But the excitement is not only with professors. Both Rogers and Jasinski said they are anxious and excited about the launch of the first issue.

"When I had the idea, I didn't think it would really take off. Everything has just fallen into place," Rogers said.

Jasinski said it is very exciting and nerve-wracking at the same time.

"We're really hoping it will be received well by the BYU community and that it will augment the feeling of community at BYU," Jasinski said.

He also said that the paper's staff hopes the BYU community will feel ownership for the paper and feel like this is a place where many voices can be heard.

The publication will eventually have specific distribution racks around campus.

Rogers said that he hasn't even had to recruit, but that people have come to him to help.

Submissions for the paper should be sent to: collegiate-post@email.byu.edu.

BYU hero recognized for service

By Beverly Beal
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Associate Campus Editor

Honors were given to a BYU student Wednesday for helping to save a woman's life.

After being separated from her tour group on Dec. 14 for four hours, a woman who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease was found in the Howard W. Hunter Law Library by custodian Nghia Nguyen, a senior from Las Vegas, majoring in history teaching.

Nguyen said he heard over his walkie-talkie that the University Police were searching for an elderly woman who had wandered away from her tour group. He then noticed a woman walking around the building.

"I didn't know if it was her, but I felt a prompting that it was, so I called out her name," he said.

When Nguyen asked her if she knew where she was, she said she was waiting for her husband who was in the parking lot.

Nguyen also said she looked fine and happy and did not seem to think anything was wrong.

Rick Moreno of University Police, who had worked with the case, said all the officers had already spent a few hours looking for her.

The tour group realized she was missing after they walked from the Museum of Art to the Wilkinson Student Center.

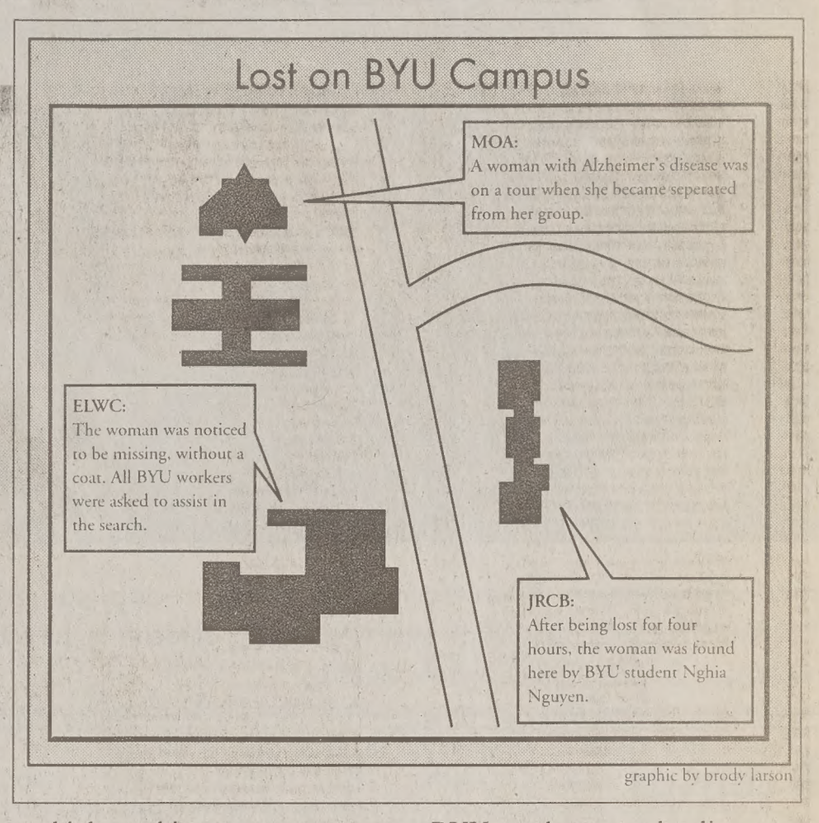
Those looking for her were worried about her safety because it was extremely cold outside and she was not wearing a coat when she got lost.

After not being able to find her, members of the tour group asked for assistance over the radio from BYU employees and police.

"It is like having an extra gang on campus whenever there is a problem," Moreno said.

University Police Chief Larry Stott presented Nguyen with a plaque in appreciation for his help in finding this woman. Stott said this was a perfect example of what can be done as a team.

Nguyen's willingness to pay a little bit of extra attention meant a lot to the woman and her family, Stott said.


Lost on BYU Campus
MOA:
A woman with Alzheimer's disease was on a tour when she became seperated from her group.
ELWC:
The woman was noticed to be missing, without a coat. All BYU workers were asked to assist in the search.
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After being lost for four hours, the woman was found here by BYU student Nghia Nguyen.

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Students network at internship fair

Travis Lovell/Daily Universe

Brad Christensen, Bryan and Eric Hanson stop to talk with a representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers at an internship fair for students in the Marriott School. The fair was in the Wilkinson Student Center on Wednesday.

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-ional seat. We believe that the courts will uphold the Census Bureau's calculation," said North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper. "The rules were set before the census was taken and they should not be changed at this late date."

Census 2000 was the third time in history that U.S military and federal civilian employees assigned overseas and their dependents were included in the overseas population counts. Private U.S. citizens living abroad, who are not employed by the federal government, have never been included in the apportionment counts.

At this point in time, it would not be possible to do recounts for Census 2000, said Jay Waite, assistant census director.

White said it would not be uniform or fair to count LDS missionaries from Utah without also counting all missionaries from all churches in all states, along with citizens who are employed in the private sector overseas.

He says Utah's odds of winning the suit are slim. In 1990, Massachusetts brought a similar case to court in an attempt to disqualify apportionment counts for overseas military personnel and lost.

"We are already looking at and figuring out how to do the next count because there are a lot of people overseas, besides LDS missionaries, that are not being counted," said Waite, who happens to be LDS and served a mission for the church.

However, the Census Bureau is open to suggestions from Utah for its next report in 2010, he said. The bureau will appear before Congress in the fall to discuss how it can better tabulate the number of U.S. citizens who live in foreign countries. But any new methods would have to be tested before they could be put into use.

Although the House has agreed delay informing state governors of the number of representatives they are entitled to until Jan. 18, Utah is running against a deadline.

The state will argue its case in federal district court in Salt Lake City on Jan. 17, with Thomas Rex Lee, a BYU law professor, acting as the primary counsel.

Lee was approached by the attorney general's office over the weekend because of his expertise in constitutional law.

An appeal of any decision by the panel would go to the U.S. Supreme Court, he said.

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BYU's ward structures offer growth, service opportunities

By Janene Pack
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Looking closely at the social life at BYU, it's easy to see that it's different from other universities in that it is supported by unique a phenomenon — the structure of church wards.

Yes, the ward sometimes dominates social life at the Y.

Through these ward structures, BYU is linked to the community and to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The LDS Church pulls members together through wards. So does BYU.

However, some people at BYU may not realize the strength that wards bring to the university. The wards draw BYU closer to the community around them and to the religion that is its foundation.

> "It is the ward structures that really expand BYU and make it what it should be."
> — Autumn Jensen, BYU student

Professors at BYU also hold callings as stake presidents and bishops in the BYU wards and stakes.

Robert L. Millet, professor of ancient scripture and stake president of the BYU 14th Stake, said church schools have a spirit of unity. Wards and stakes add a spirit of community and religion.

"You do all you can on campus, but it still is very big," Millet said. "With wards and stakes it breaks it down and makes it easier to maintain service and the church through the wards."

Brent L. Top, professor of religious education and first counselor in the BYU 14th Stake, said BYU is virtually a ward or a stake.

"BYU is not only linked to the LDS Church, BYU is a huge ward," Top said.

There are wonderful service projects going through the BYU wards. Residential wards do have the people to do all the BYU wards do, he

"The Red Cross even told me that their b drives wouldn't be as successful in Utah weren't for the BYU wards and stakes," Top s

Some students do not think the purpose o wards at BYU is so cut and dry.

Autumn Jensen, 21, a senior from Littleton, majoring in fine arts, said she thinks the value ward structure at varies.

"The wards give u tools, but it is the stuc responsibility to them."

The ward structu BYU is designed to people together from ferent vocational grounds, she said.

Zach Withers, 23, ior from Simms Conn., majoring in nomics and philos

said BYU wards are a good transition for mis aries. He said the wards make it easier for mis aries to transition back into college life a involved in service activities.

"Returned missionaries just need to make they have a good attitude ," Withers said. need to realize there is still a lot to do for the c and the community and it is great to do that th the wards."

After all, it is hard to be at BYU and n involved in the wards.

"It is the students that make up the ward ture," Jensen said. "And it is the ward structure really expand BYU and make it what it shoul

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ize I am doing the almost d of, especially at this hal- matchmaking haven, but tion is looming near and no on my finger. No guy is the picture.

kay with this, for I have options. I can either, a.) around and go to grad b.) stick around and work cal broadcasting company, on a mission and hope to my zone leader, or d.) go the norm and try my s outside of Utah.

Joanna Caldwell/Daily Universe

Mary Deardeuff, FM Producer

But I have four months in which to decide. And four months to try to get married, because didn't some general authority once say, "Thou shalt not graduate from BYU single?"

To aid my upcoming quest and to help all unmarried girls at BYU, I've compiled the following list of "ways to get hitched" or better yet, "The Seven Habits of Highly Successful Bouquet-Bearing BYU Coeds."

1. Study in the J. Reuben Clark Law Building. Didn't your mother always want you to marry a lawyer?

2. Go to the N. Eldon Tanner Building, home of the Marriott School of Management, and full of potentially rich guys.

3. Hang around the Crabtree, Clyde and other engineering buildings. The men may be balding, but quite a few are eligible.

4. Take a language class full of recently returned missionaries, fresh from the advice of their mission presidents to find a wife.

5. Work out in the Smith Field House. Throw around some weights if you have to, it gets respect.

6. Eat at the Cougareat A LOT, alone, at a table for two, but don't block the other chair.

7. Set up a scholarship in your name with the Financial Aid office—full tuition and expenses for school for one guy. The requirements? Marriage.

I'm serious about this folks. The sad but true fact is that a girl gets more esteem if she's married by the time she leaves this school, regardless of how well she has done.

For example, my parents have said they probably won't come to my commencement in April. But, they say, if I were getting married, they'd come out here for sure.

I'm graduating in April with a high GPA in a tough major and two minors. I've put myself through school all on scholarships. I feel I've contributed to this fine university and have gained a wonderful education. But my parents don't want a graduation, they want grandchildren.

Mary's email is maryd@newsroom.byu.edu

Couple cheats before reaching "Temptation"

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Fox television network dropped an unmarried couple from its reality show "Temptation Island" after learning the pair had a child.

Fox and show producer Rocket Science Laboratories had decreed that no married couples or those with children could take part in the show, which places unmarried couples on an island with sexy men and women to test their fidelity.

But the couple "misrepresented information about their background - specifically, the fact that they had a child together," Fox said in a statement Tuesday.

Background checks also failed to discover the information, the network said.

After the discovery, the reality show ended the pair's participation, Fox said. It did not identify the couple.

The show debuted Wednesday.

Fox's statement was issued after WorldNetDaily reported the parents' inclusion in "Temptation Island" on Tuesday.

The Internet news site said the couple was removed from the show after about five days of shooting, sent to another island resort and given therapy.

The announcement brought further condemnation to a show previously attacked by some critics as an assault on fidelity.

"Now this brings into the picture someone who's completely innocent, a child," Mark Honig, executive director of the watchdog group Parents Television Council, said Tuesday.

V ratings for first week in January

ated Press

-time ratings compiled by Media Research for 1 to January 7. Listings the week's ranking, with or the week and season-to akings in parentheses. ." in parentheses denotes a e-only presentation. The rating is the percentage of the nation's estimated 102.2 million TV homes. Each ratings point represents 1,022,000 households.

1. (1) "ER," NBC, 19.7, 20.1 million homes.

2. (X) "Orange Bowl: Oklahoma vs. Florida State," ABC, 17.8, 18.2 million homes.

3. (4) "Friends," NBC, 15.0, 15.3 million homes.

4. (10) "Will & Grace," NBC, 13.3, 13.6 million homes.

5. (X) "Rose Bowl-postgame," ABC, 13.0, 13.3 million homes.

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Cougars face dangerous SDSU

Clubs headed in opposite directions

NewsNet Services

Don't be fooled by the 8-5 records.

Sure, the women's basketball teams from BYU and San Diego State that open Mountain West Conference play tonight in Cox Arena might look even enough, but momentum is another story.

The Aztecs are off to their best start in six years and now boast a five-game winning streak.

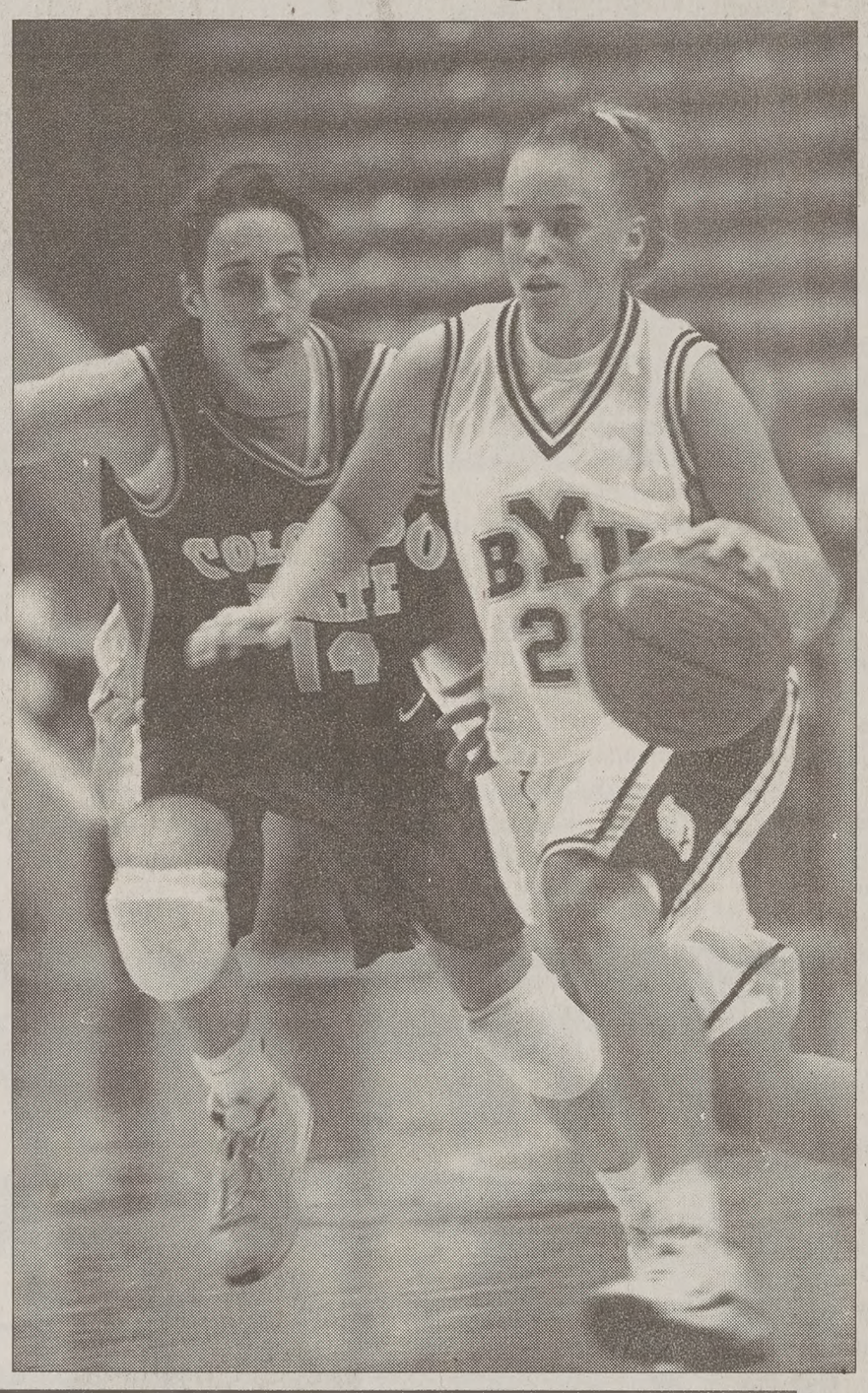
The Cougars?

Granted, they haven't lost two straight games all season, but last week's 56-53 home loss to Nebraska saw them squander a 15-point lead in the closing minutes.

"We had a tough loss against Nebraska last week which didn't help us in being energized and having confidence heading into the conference schedule," said head coach Trent Shippen.

BYU has won its last six games against San Diego State — including a 78-37 win in last season.

To overcome the Aztecs' league-leading three-point defense, the Cougars will look to shooting extraordinaire Erin Thorn, who's averaging 17.5 points a game — second best in the MWC.



BYU's Stacy Jensen — pictured here against Colorado State last season — collected a season-high 17 points and four assists in the Cougars' loss to Nebraska last week. The junior guard will start against San Diego State tonight.

File photo

Women's Hoops

BYU at SDSU

- **When:** Tonight, 8 p.m., Cox Arena (can be heard live via www.goaztecs.com)
- **Sizing up SDSU (8-5):** Winners of five straight and vastly improved from last season, the Aztecs are hoping to snap a six-game losing streak to the Cougars.
- **Sizing up BYU (8-5):** The Cougars are coming off a disheartening, 56-53 loss to Nebraska last week that saw BYU blow a 15-point lead with less than seven minutes left.

Give small sports a larger audience

Darin Allison

NewsNet Assoc. Produ

BYU athletics have become almost synonymous with football, men's basketball and volleyball, and occasionally women's basketball and soccer.

If you were to ask even the most clueless of students about the BYU sports scene, they would probably be able to tell you how well the football team did.

When it comes to, say, the women's cross country team — which consistently finishes in the top five in the nation — I've heard the following when asking students about the program, "BYU has a cross country team?"

Oh, and by the way, the same women's cross country team finished second in the nation and had three members named Division I All-Americans

What's worse, those professing to be avid supporters of BYU athletics and respective programs end up bad-mouthing and downplaying the skill level of those performing, saying they themselves could do a better job if placed in the same position.

Let's get one thing straight. Regardless of the sport, BYU won't end up with a national title every year. So get over it. But what's really sad is when one of these "smaller" and often overlooked programs exceptionally well, no notices.

Did you know that the swimming team is curre ranked 17th in the nation looking to move up?

Second-team All-Amer Kelly Parkinson and the re the women's gymnastics will begin their season at h this Friday vs. Iowa State. team was one step away going to the NCAA Wom Championship last year.

Basically, what it all b down to is the fact that ther teams that want and need support apart from the sports" that everybody kn about.

Let's not have quality co tition and athletes fade awa a campus that has traditio been known for its school and participation.

Do I even need mention gymnastics and wrestling?

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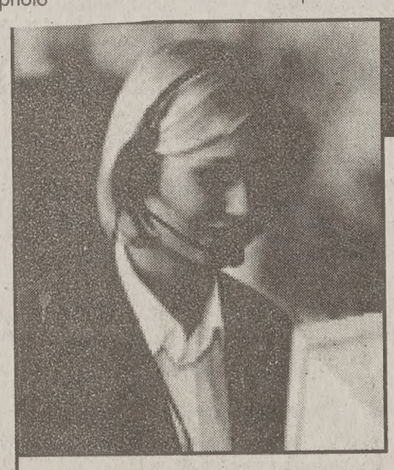

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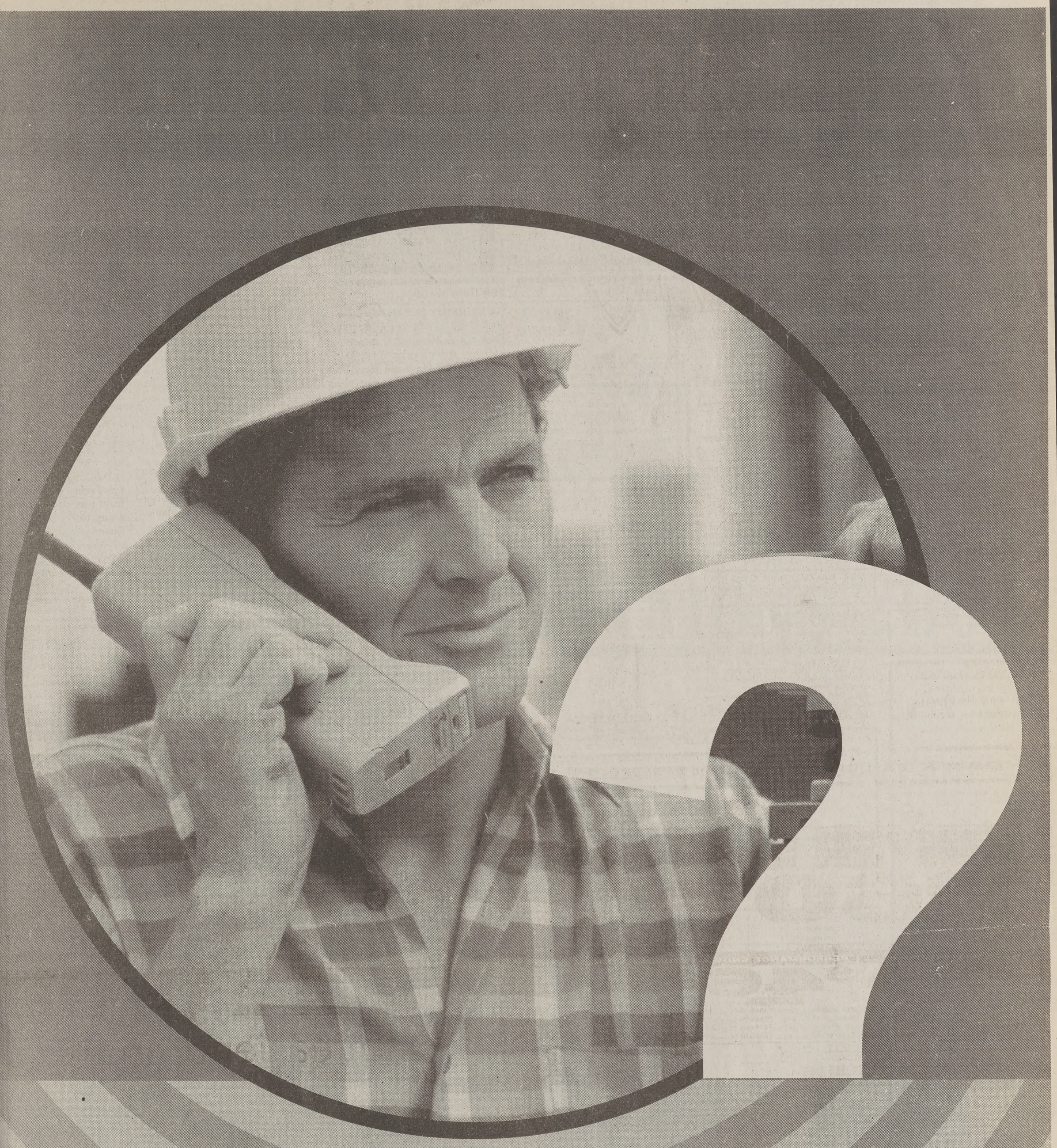

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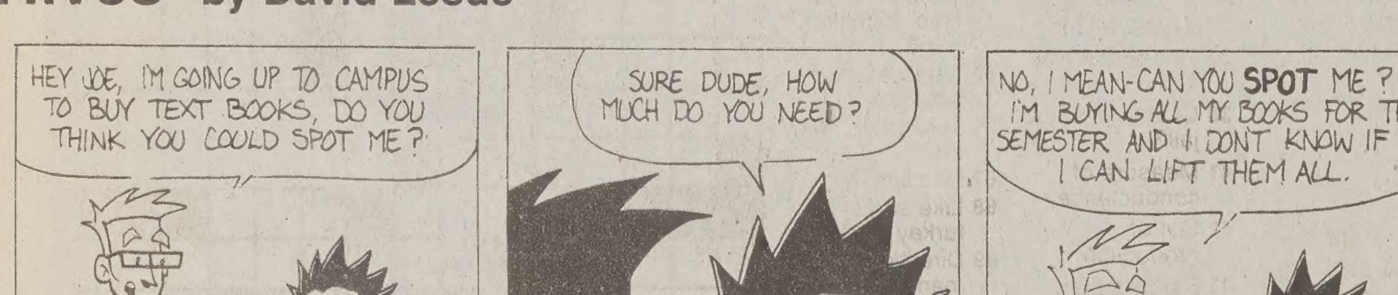

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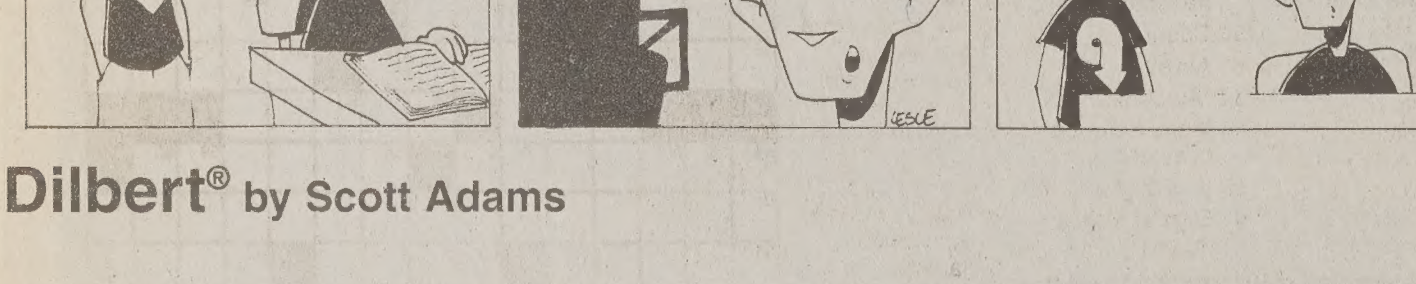

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DALLAS — American Airlines has agreed to acquire most of 75-year-old Trans World Airlines' assets for about $500 million in a complex deal that will bring an end to the financially troubled TWA.

The agreement with TWA, along with a separate pact under which American would buy some of US Airways' assets from United Airlines, would leave American and United in control of about half of the nation's air travel market.

Under the multipart agreement unveiled Wednesday, TWA has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and will sell most of its assets to American, a subsidiary of AMR Corp., for $500 million in cash.

American will also assume responsibility for TWA's plane leases and provide an additional $200 million in immediate financing for the St. Louis–based airline.

In a concurrent move, American is acquiring certain US Airways assets for $1.2 billion in cash and the assumption of $300 million in aircraft leases. It will also pay $82 million for 49 percent of startup DC Air, which will fly out of Reagan National Airport in Washington.

The latter portions of the deal are contingent on federal regulators approving United parent UAL Corp.'s $4.3 billion proposal to purchase US Airways. Antitrust regulators have pressed United, the largest carrier in the world, to sell some of its operations before they approve its purchase of US Airways, the nation's No. 6 carrier.

If all negotiations are approved, they would leave the Chicago-based United and American, the nation's No. 2 carrier, head and shoulders above the rest of the U.S. airline industry, each with roughly 25 percent of the U.S. market. They are currently slightly larger than No. 3 Delta, which has 15 percent, according to industry figures.

American chairman and chief executive Donald J. Carty said at a press conference in New York that the deal gives American "a level of growth that would otherwise take us years to achieve."

Veterans' ill health from Balkans service

Associated Press

BOOM, Belgium — It all started about a year after he returned from Bosnia — muscle pains, shortness of breath and stomach ailments. Five years later, Cpl. Guido Fleurackers says he's still sick and wants to know why.

"I have problems with sleeping, I have pain in my legs, my arms and in my muscles," said Fleurackers, a 20-year army veteran who served one tour in Bosnia and another in Croatia. "I'm sure it's related to my service in the Balkans."

Fleurackers is one of a growing number of Balkan veterans who fear they are at risk from cancer and other ailments, possibly due to exposure to ammunition containing depleted uranium.

Depleted uranium, a slightly radioactive heavy metal, is used in anti-armor munitions because of its penetrating power. U.S. forces fired weapons containing depleted uranium in Bosnia in 1994 and 1995, and in 1999, NATO forces fired such weapons during its bombing of Yugoslavia.

Studies into the effects of depleted uranium have not revealed any link to cancer. But concerns among European nations have intensified since Italy began studying the illnesses of 30 soldiers, seven of whom died of cancer.

Since then, similar cases have been reported in at least eight other European countries, including four leukemia cases among Balkan veterans in France and two in Denmark. In Belgium, five soldiers who served in the Balkans have died of cancer and four more are suffering from the disease.

Now Fleurackers is part of a class action suit planned on behalf of 1,600 Belgian service members. The Belgian soldiers are not blaming their problems specifically on depleted uranium, but they claim the government endangered their health by sending them to U.N.- and NATO-led peacekeeping missions in the former Yugoslavia.

Fleurackers says his health deteriorated drastically after he returned in 1994 from Bosnia, where he served in an engineering unit. Within months, he says he noticed fatigue, muscle pains, shortness of breath and stomach problems.

"My work began to suffer," Fleurackers said. "Most people around me can't understand what has happened. Some people think I'm not really sick."

Fleurackers was transferred to a desk job and then took nine months of sick leave in 1997. He returned to duty, but seven months ago was back on sick leave. Now, he's awaiting results of tests to determine if he has cancer. Even if he does not, he's worried that he may be discharged from the army for medical reasons.

Fleurackers maintains others are suffering from similar disorders but are afraid to talk about them for fear of losing their jobs.

"A lot of people have bought houses, have cars, have a family, have kids, and they are scared to lose their salaries every month," he said. "This is reasonable. I'm also scared to lose my pay."

Post Office, FedEx join up

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service and longtime rival FedEx announced an agreement Wednesday that officials said will speed up the mail and expand FedEx's retail availability across the country.

"These agreements will leverage two great networks: the extensive reliability of FedEx planes and the coast-to-coast retail presence of the Postal Service," Postmaster General William J. Henderson said.

"Whenever the public and private sectors work together, the real beneficiary is the American public," added Frederick W. Smith, chairman of FedEx.

Under the deal, FedEx will haul Express Mail and Priority Mail — as well as some first-class mail — for the post office. It will provide guaranteed space at a cost of $6.3 billion over seven years.

On the other hand, FedEx will pay the Postal Service between $126 million and $232 million to place its collection boxes at post offices, depending on the number of boxes eventually installed.

The post office said this is a nonexclusive agreement that it will make available to any company that offers overnight package service nationally.

"The Postal Service delivers Main Street and FedEx provides an air fleet," Henderson proclaimed as he gave Smith a model of a neighborhood post office in exchange for a model FedEx airplane.

FedEx stock was up 3 cents to $42.30 in midafternoon trading.

Based in Memphis, Tenn., FedEx has some 665 aircraft that operate a worldwide overnight delivery system. The post office has a smaller fleet of leased planes and ships mail on commercial airlines.

Henderson said the new contract will put all Express and Priority mail in FedEx planes, providing fast, dependable service. He said the post office will phase out its current leases and close its hub in Indianapolis.

"Overall, service to Americans should improve dramatically in Priority and Express mail and somewhat in first-class," Henderson said.

The two cooperating delivery systems have long been seen as rivals, but Smith said their products differ.

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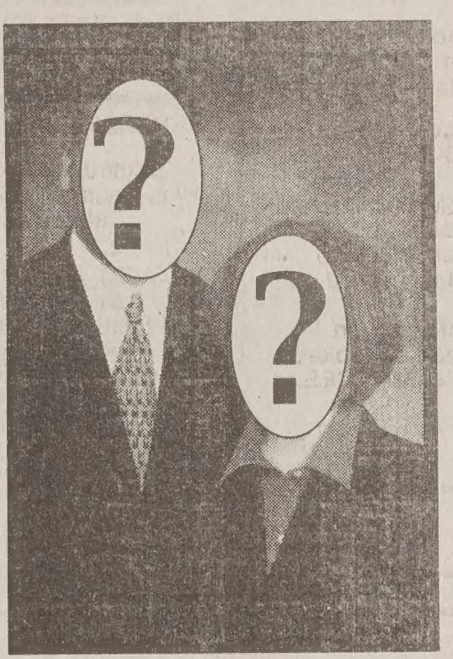
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5 Fetch
9 Finish off, as operations
14 Thin tie with a clasp
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16 "If ___ you ..."
17 One who lifts a sack of Liberty coins?
20 Queen of Persia, in the Bible
21 #1 R&B hit for Little Richard
22 Bender of iron bars, maybe
24 Church lady
25 Off-center
28 Categorized as chicken?
33 Flowering shrub
35 ___ Aviv
36 Skater Midori
37 Half-brother of Tom Sawyer
38 Club in a Navy jail?
41 Measure of conductance
42 Out of production
43 Bambi's aunt
44 Uncritical one
46 Hinder short-wave transmission?
50 Coeur d'___
51 Alway
52 "Au contraire!"
54 Many a dot-com business
58 Is untruthful with
61 Sign at a roach motel?
64 "Queen of the Hop" hitmaker, 1958
65 Exploratorium subject
66 Two out of sixty-six?
67 Realism, e.g.
68 Like some turkey stuffing
69 Direction at many a corner

DOWN
1 Grilling, for short
2 Rake
3 "Ah, those were the days"
4 Stormy wintry blast
5 "I call 'em as I ___"
6 Cry of triumph
7 Wall St. maven
8 Good shot
9 Bad shot
10 With title to
11 Lose a layer
12 River to the Caspian
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18 Popular shopping place these days
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25 Part of A.M.A.: Abbr.
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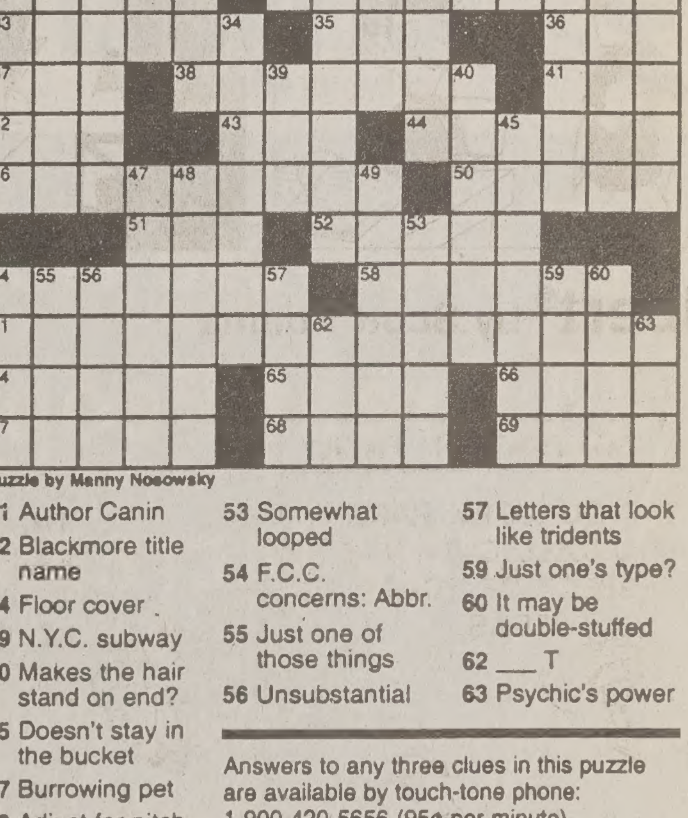
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Tobacco trouble for Bush pick

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bush's choice to head the Department of Health and Human Services has visited three continents at the expense of a major tobacco company, including a trip to Australia that involved a scuba diving excursion with a tobacco lobbyist.

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson also has received tens of thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from tobacco interests and has been criticized for delaying Wisconsin's entry into the lawsuit against tobacco companies.

After that lawsuit was settled, Thompson proposed spending only $5 million of Wisconsin's $170-million-a-year share on smoking prevention. He ultimately signed a bill that gave much more money for the effort.

However, Alicia Peterson, a spokeswoman for the Bush transition team, said Thompson "has a record of opposing youth access to tobacco and tobacco products." Others note Thompson signed four tobacco tax increases in his state and supported a ban on smoking in the state capitol.

Peterson said Bush selected the Wisconsin governor for HHS because he is "a national leader in welfare reform and health care reform."

Thompson's well-documented links to the tobacco industry, particularly Philip Morris, have caused little outcry among public health advocates as he awaits a confirmation hearing before the Senate Finance Committee.

"His record in Wisconsin raises concerns about his commitment to reducing the toll from tobacco," said Bill Corr, executive vice president of the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids. But, he added, "now that he has been nominated to lead the nation's top health agency, we're hopeful he will be willing to work with the public health community to address tobacco usage in all its forms."

With Thompson's nomination widely expected to be approved, Corr's organization has taken no position. Nor has the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association or the American Cancer Society.

Individual activists have been more vocal.

Stanton Glantz, a professor at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of California San Francisco, called Bush's selection of Thompson "stunning."

"It's like we have in hand a vaccine against heart disease and cancer and a secretary of health with a history of working with people who don't want the vaccine administered," said Glantz. He has probed the tobacco industry's influence on tobacco control policy-making in several states and co-authored a 1998 study on Wisconsin.

Among the Thompson-tobacco industry links cited by anti-tobacco activists:

- During the 1990s, Thompson traveled to England, Africa and Australia on trips arranged by the National Governors Association and substantially funded by Philip Morris through three nonprofit groups created to promote free trade. He said at the time he wasn't aware of the company's backing and might not have gone if he had.

"I value your loyalty and friendship," Thompson wrote Andrew Whist, a Philip Morris senior vice president, after the Africa trip in 1995. Following the 1996 trip to Australia, Thompson wrote Philip Morris lobbyist Jack Lenzi that he was "especially grateful you agreed to take the scuba diving plunge with me."

- Between 1993 and 2000, Thompson collected nearly $100,000 in campaign contributions from executives and political action committees of major tobacco companies and their subsidiaries, according to the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.
- As governor, Thompson signed a smokers' rights bill, vetoed a ban on smoking in the general seating area at the Milwaukee Brewers' new stadium, and vetoed legislation that would have let cities impose stricter rules on tobacco than exist in state law.

Bush to reach out to religions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's proposal to let the government help religious groups that deal with social problems is already raising questions such as the threat to churches' independence and the separation of church and state.

Those questions were addressed Wednesday by religious leaders and analysts during the presentation of a survey on the role of religion in public life.

The debate on religious groups is certain to grow because President-elect Bush plans to establish an "office of faith-based programs" in the White House. Bush wants to tap resources of the nation's religious organizations to deal with social problems such as poverty, alcohol and drug abuse and affordable housing.

Bush transition spokesman Scott McClellan said Wednesday that "reaching out to faith-based groups that have a proven record of saving and changing lives is a top priority of President-elect Bush."

The programs would be careful not to discriminate between religious groups or people outside organized religion and should be voluntary, with alternatives provided to those who don't want involvement with religious groups, McClellan said.

Federal law already allows religious groups to compete for federal money to provide services under welfare programs, but advocates say they are not widely involved.

"The American public hasn't thought much about this," said Andrew Kohut, a pollster who participated in the Wednesday panel, sponsored by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

"This is a relatively new thing. We know that in the area of religion in public life, the public responds favorably to the idea of religion being involved in the solution of national problems. But how favorably depends on what's being emphasized."

The poll on the role of religion in public life underlined a delicate balance between government financing of religious groups and fears of government money being used by them.

Just under half, 44 percent, said giving government money to religious groups is a good idea, even when their programs promote religious messages. Another fourth, 23 percent, said such programs are a good idea, but only if they stay away from religious messages. And 31 percent said that arrangement always is a bad idea. The poll, produced by the nonpartisan group Public Agenda, was taken in November of 1,507 adults and has an error margin of 3 percentage points.

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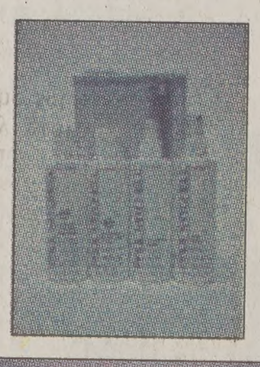
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